



State of Delaware

House *Concurrent Resolution No 52*

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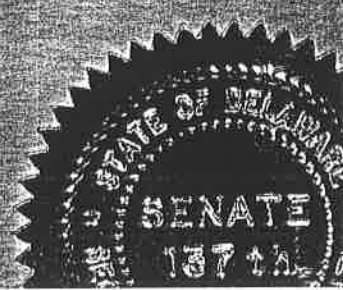
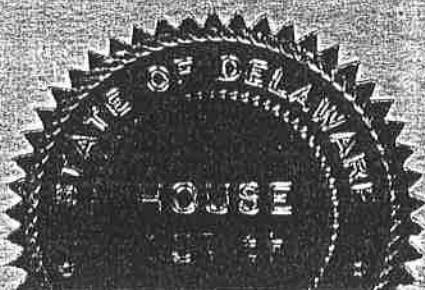
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

137TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52 MAR 24 1994

EXTENDING AN ENTHUSIASTIC INVITATION TO SENATOR WALTER M. BAKER OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, AND THE ENTIRE EASTERN SHORE DELEGATION TO BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE GREAT STATE OF DELAWARE SINCE THE PEOPLES OF THE TWO GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS HAVE SO MUCH IN COMMON WITH ONE ANOTHER.

1 WHEREAS, as reported by the news media, secession on the part of the
2 eastern shore of Maryland has raised its ugly head again when State Senator
3 Walter M. Baker of Cecil County, Maryland, adamantly attempted on Tuesday,
4 March 22 on the Senate floor to sever the eastern shore of Maryland from the
5 rest of the State of Maryland; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Baker is vehemently disgruntled with his colleagues from
7 the western part of the state over failure to get consideration for
8 legislation for the eastern shore of Maryland, further compounded by a
9 Governor who is reported to have publicly compared the entire eastern shore of
10 Maryland as an "out house"; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Walter M. Baker has said that he is not sure whether the
12 eastern shore should become the 51st State or a new nation; nevertheless,
13 Delaware should not let the eastern shore of Maryland secede without offering
14 them the opportunity to become a part of Delaware, thus joining the two
15 geographical areas with mutually common interest; and

16 WHEREAS, judging from the shouting that took place on the Senate floor
17 yesterday by the Senators from the western part of the state of "Let them go"
18 it would appear that Senator Baker has sufficient votes to secede; and

19 WHEREAS, only once in a blue moon does the opportunity come along for a
20 state to have the chance to be bordered by two invaluable and priceless
21 estuaries, the Delaware and the Chesapeake Bays; and

22 WHEREAS, if we were to annex the eastern shore of Maryland we would pick up
23 the counties of Cecil, Kent, Queen Annes, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico,
24 Somerset, Worcester and Caroline, former home of Governor Sherman W.
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1 Tribbitt, giving Delaware 12 counties instead of 3 and making Salisbury,
2 Maryland our second largest city; and

3 WHEREAS, we believe that Senator Baker and the eastern shore delegation
4 could easily be persuaded to join forces with Delaware because we have so much
5 in common with one another, namely, we are all watermen by nature, spending a
6 great deal of our leisure time boating, fishing and oystering; no sales tax,
7 the climate and weather are compatible and the people of both areas have a
8 philosophical and conservative outlook on life pretty much alike.

9 NOW THEREFORE:

10 BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the House of Representatives of the 137th
11 General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the Senate concurring therein, that
12 Senator Walter M. Baker, chairman of the Judicial Proceedings Committee of the
13 Maryland Senate from Cecil County, Maryland and the entire eastern shore
14 legislative delegation is hereby extended an enthusiastic invitation to join
15 the great State of Delaware when they secede from the State of Maryland, and
16 if such should come about, each of us can boast to heaven's high that we are
17 the state that is bordered by two of the most priceless estuaries in the
18 world, the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage of this Resolution a suitably
20 prepared copy be forwarded to Senator Walter M. Baker of Cecil County,
21 Maryland, to be shared with his colleagues in the legislature from the eastern
22 shore and also to his adversaries who to wit: on March 22, 1994 in Annapolis,
23 Maryland on the Senate floor shouted "Let them go".

Bill No.: _____
Requested: _____
Committee: _____

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By: **Senator Baker**

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Eastern Shore -- Secession

AN ACT to provide for a referendum for the purpose of taking the sense of the citizens of Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties to ascertain whether the citizens of these counties wish to secede from the State of Maryland.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That a referendum shall be held in the General Election of 1994 to ascertain the sense of the citizens of the following counties: Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester, as to whether the citizens of those counties wish to secede from the State of Maryland.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act be submitted to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties at the general election to be held in November of 1994. There shall be printed on the ballots or ballot labels to be used at said election the title of this Act and underneath said title, on separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the words: "For Secession" and a corresponding square or box to the right of and opposite the words "Against Secession", so that the voters of the counties of Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester shall be able to designate his or her decision

for or against the provisions of this Act. If a majority of the votes cast in said election shall 21
be "For Secession" then the provisions of this Act shall become effective, December 1, 22
1994, but if a majority of the votes cast in the election shall be "Against Secession" then 23
the provisions of this Act shall be of no effect and shall be null and void. 24

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That subject to the provisions 25
of Section 2 herein, and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum therein 26
required, this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1994. 27

Del. lawmakers invite Eastern Shore to join state

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By JAMES MERRIWEATHER

Dover Bureau reporter

DOVER — The General Assembly Thursday issued an "enthusiastic invitation" for the Eastern Shore of Maryland to join the First State.

A copy of H.C.R. 52, a resolution encompassing the invitation, will be sent to conservative Sen. Walter M. Baker, D-Cecil County, who is leading a secessionist effort in protest of the liberal leanings of the rest of the state.

Baker has not decided whether

the Eastern Shore should become a new state or a new country, but Rep. Edward J. Bennett, D-Dover South, said a third possibility should be considered.

"I couldn't let the opportunity pass without inviting the senator

and the Eastern Shore to become part of Delaware," said Bennett, the resolution sponsor.

"I'd like to send it over to Sen. Baker as soon as we can and get some dialogue started," Bennett said.

Among the obvious benefits, Bennett said, are gaining Ocean City, Md., as a companion to Rehoboth Beach, and Maryland's county option on slot machines. Each Maryland county decides for itself whether to permit im-

ited slot machine gambling. He said Eastern Shore residents would benefit from Delaware's tax-free shopping.

The measure was approved on a voice vote in the House and on a 13-5 roll call in the Senate.



SENATE OF MARYLAND

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

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STATE SENATOR
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CAROLINE, CECIL, KENT,
QUEEN ANNE'S AND TALBOT COUNTIES

April 14, 1994

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Re: Concurrent Resolution No. 52

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you, the members of the Delaware General Assembly (who voted right), and the entire State of Delaware for welcoming Maryland's Eastern Shore to the great State of Delaware in the event that we should secede from the State of Maryland.

At the last moment, the rest of the State of Maryland realized what a great loss it would be to the State of Maryland if, in fact, the Eastern Shore of Maryland did secede. Accordingly, due to the lateness of the session the Senate Rules had to be suspended by extraordinary majority vote in order for me to introduce my bill. I did not get the votes to introduce the bill. Therefore, the Eastern Shore of Maryland must continue to subsidize the rest of the State of Maryland.

I wish you well and if there is anything that I can do to help the State of Delaware, please do not hesitate to call upon me. I live only two miles from the Delaware border and have always felt welcome in your great State.

Very truly yours,

Walter M. Baker

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